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SUBJECT:BRIEFING GOZ ON PARIS MEETING

REFS: A) KINSHASA 5956; B) KINSHASA 5802; C) CUTLER/SWING
TELECON, JUNE 8

1. WE SHARE YOUR CONCERN THAT THE GOZ BE GIVEN A GENERAL
OVERVIEW OF THE PARIS RESULTS ON THE ECONOMIC SIDE, AND
THAT THIS SHOULD BE DELAYED UNTIL THE COORDINATED DEMARCHE
WE WILL BE MAKING ON REFORMS. THE MEETING WITH UMBA AT
0900 ON JUNE 9 (KINSHASA 5956) WOULD BE A GOOD TIME TO
DO THIS.

2. YOU ARE AUTHORIZED TO DRAW ON REPORTING CONTAINED IN
PARIS 17965 AND 17932 IN YOUR CONVERSATION WITH UMBA WITH
THESE CAVEATS:

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-- WE WOULD NOT WISH TO GIVE AWAY YOUR HAND IN REGARD TO
THE DEGREE OF FIRMLINESS AND COORDINATION WE FORESEE ON THE
FORMAL LINKAGE WE SEEK TO ESTABLISH BETWEEN REFORM PERFORM-
ANCE BY THE GOZ AND OUR PROVISION OF ASSISTANCE. HOWEVER
YOU SHOULD MAKE THE GENERAL POINT ON THE PRIMORDIALITY OF
REFORM IN ANY RECOVERY SCENARIO FOR ZAIRE.

-- WE DO NOT YET WISH TO SHARE WITH THE GOZ THE VARIOUS BALLPARK ESTIMATES ON IMMEDIATE ESSENTIAL IMPORTS REQUIREMENTS AND OTHER EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE NEEDED. IF QUERIED ON THIS, YOU SHOULD SAY THAT WE TRADED ESTIMATES IN PREPARATION FOR THE BRUSSELS MEETING WHERE THE GOZ WILL BE PRESENT AND AT WHICH THE FIGURES WILL BE FURTHER REFINED. HOWEVER, NO AGREEMENT WAS REACHED ON AMOUNTS INVOLVED NOR WERE ANY DECISIONS TAKEN AS TO ASSISTANCE EACH MIGHT BE PREPARED TO CONSIDER.

3. FYI: YOU WILL BE SHORTLY RECEIVING A COMMON TEXT TO BE DISCUSSED AND WORKED OUT AMONG THE EMBASSIES IN KINSHASA, RELATING TO A MINIMUM REFORM PACKAGE WHICH WOULD BE A CONDITION PRECEDENT TO INCREMENTAL ASSISTANCE TO ZAIRE. END FYI.

4. RE PARA 3 OF KINSHASA 5956, THE LINE YOU ARE TAKING WITH UMBA IS CORRECT. AT YOUR MEETING ON JUNE 9 YOU SHOULD REITERATE THIS LINE WITH THESE ADDITIONAL POINTS:

-- THIS IS A JOINT EFFORT IN WHICH THE FRENCH ARE TAKING THE LEAD, THE AFRICANS PROVIDING THE TROOPS AND WE TAKING A SECONDARY SUPPORTIVE ROLE LIMITED TO THE IMMEDIATE CONCERN OF STABILIZING THE SHABA SITUATION.

-- THE FRENCH HAVE RAISED WITH US THE QUESTION OF CONTIN-
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UING SUPPORT FOR THE AFRICAN TROOPS IN ZAIRE.

-- THERE WAS GENERAL RECOGNITION THAT THE TROOPS WOULD HAVE TO BE SUPPORTED AND RE-PROVISIONED OVER THE LONGER-TERM AND SOME ARRANGEMENT MADE TO DETERMINE THEIR NEEDS AND TO ASSURE THEIR ONGOING SUPPLY.

-- HOWEVER THE QUESTION WAS LEFT OPEN FOR THE TIME BEING AND THE FRENCH UNDERTOOK TO LOOK INTO THE DETAILS AND MODALITIES FURTHER AND TO BE IN TOUCH WITH INDIVIDUAL GOVERNMENTS FURTHER AT A LATER TIME.

-- ALL REQUESTS SUCH AS THE PRESENT ONE WHICH INVOLVE THE AFRICAN TROOPS IN SHABA SHOULD BE FUNNELED TO GOF.

5. RE PARA 4 OF KINSHASA 5956, YOU SHOULD CONTINUE TO INSIST THAT THIS IS NOT SOMETHING WE SHOULD COMMENT ON. FYI: THIS IS PARTICULARLY SO IN THAT WE SPECIFICALLY TOLD THE FRENCH AT PARIS THAT WE DID NOT WISH, LARGELY FOR DOMESTIC REASONS, TO TRANSPORT THE CAE TROOPS. END FYI. VANCE

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